

Remarks

Claims 1 -23 and 25-29 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-5, 7, 10, 12-14, 16-21, 28 and 29 are rejected. Claims 6, 8, 9, 11, and 15 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 22, 23, and 25-27 are allowed.

Applicants have cancelled claims 2, 3, and 6 in the present amendment.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of cancelled claims 2, 3, and 6.

Thus, claim 1 is of a scope indicated to be allowable and the rejection of claim 1 is overcome.

Applicants have amended claims 4, 5, 7, 10, 13, 14, and 16 to depend from amended claim 1. Therefore, claims 4, 5, 7, 10, 13, 14, and 16 are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

Claims 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 17-21, 28, and 29 also depend from amended claim 1. Therefore, claims 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 17-21, 28 and 29 are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

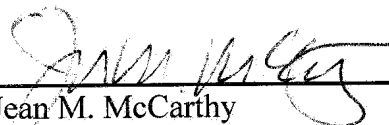
Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 22, 23, and 25-27.

Conclusion

In light of the above remarks, the Application is in condition for allowance with remaining claims 1, 4, 5, 7-23, and 25-29, which action is respectfully requested.

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